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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

James V. Luciani

Application No.: 09/429,047

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For: **METHOD FOR IMPROVING  
SIGNALING EFFICIENCY AND  
PERFORMING SERVICE LOAD  
BALANCING IN A CONNECTION  
ORIENTED NETWORK**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231-9998

Sir:

The applicant would like to file the following Preliminary Amendment for the above-entitled patent application.

**IN THE TITLE**

*Al E.* Please change "Inventors" to -Inventor- to correct a typo.

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Enclosed herewith is amended Figure 2 wherein the proposed changes are made in red ink. Applicant respectfully requests that the proposed amendments be entered.